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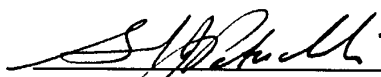
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RESPONSE A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 42 and 43, and amend claims 1, 5-7, 11, 12, 14, and 16 to read as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method for analyzing specified properties of a set of samples, the method comprising:

- a. providing a platen having two substantially parallel planar surfaces, an inner layer of hydrophilic material, two outer layers of hydrophobic

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